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In re the application of:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING PRESBYOPIA  
CORRECTIVE SURGERY

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 5) was due by July 18, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to Monday, October 20, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 5, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.